

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 2 of this application with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/972,719, ~~the co-pending patent application~~ entitled "COVERING SYSTEMS AND VENTING METHODS," which was filed in the names of the presently-named inventors on October 5, 2001.